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Lengthy Report Of Grand Jury Made Last Week

Members Drawn For Twelve
Months Service On This
Body Make Exhaustive
Report To Judge R. Hunt
Parker

BELAMY WAS JURY FOREMAN

Members Visited all Schools
Of County And Have
Made Recommendations
For Improvement

After being in session here for
several days last week, members
of the Brunswick county grand
jury returned to Judge R. Hunt
Parker, presiding jurist.

Belamy served as
foreman of the body, and follow-
ing is the text of the report
presented to the court:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK
SUPERIOR COURT
MAY TERM, 1947

The Honorable R. Hunt
Parker, Judge Presiding:

The Grand Jury was glad to
be under Judge Parker, it be-
lieves, and in its opinion that he is one
of the most able judges in this
county. We, as a body, wish to
express our appreciation for ser-
vices rendered us by our able
jurist, Clifton L. Moore.

The Grand Jury was in ses-
sion five days, during which time
it passed on 33 bills of indict-
ment. Twenty-seven were found
to be true bills and six others
were returned as Untrue, lack-
ing evidence being indicated.

We have checked reports of
the following and find they have
been paid to the school fund for
the past year the amount set op-
posite their names:

Justices Of The Peace: L. H.
Hess, \$13.00; E. Tripp, \$25.00;
F. Ganey, \$240.00; A. Smith,
\$135.00; C. Formyduval, \$135.00;
E. Ganey, \$105.00; H. Foster,
\$70.00; M. B. Chinnis,
\$70.00; E. H. Gray, none.

Members of the Town of
Galloway, none; John Erik-
son, none.

The routine investigation of the
Register of Deeds office and clerk
of Courts office was made. Every-
thing was found to be in order.

The Grand Jury made a tour
of inspection and makes the fol-
lowing recommendations for the
county home: 1. Request that
something be done with Mrs.
Blaine Smith who has fits and
is beyond control at times. 2.
Request that short time prisoners
be held in clean out ditches on
farms and purchase some needed
implements. 3. Request that
plumber be sent to Home to
check all plumbing. 4. Request
that certain be placed in Sun
as they hold Church Ser-
vices each Sunday. Building found
to be in fair condition with ex-
ception of a few window pane re-
placements. Recommend that this
be done.

It was found that the jail was
in fair condition, but recommend
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Brief News Flashes

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. R. Will Davis
celebrated the 61st anniversary of
their marriage on Monday of this
week.

DEATHS

A. L. Lind, of Southport, last
week received notice of the death
of his sister, Mrs. Hilma Ander-
son, of Hudiksvall, Sweden.

BIRTHS

Mr. Robbins of Winnabow, a
son, at Wake Forest, was in-
stantly at the Wake Forest
Hospital of Ormicon Delta Kap-
pa national honorary leadership
society, last week.

COMMEMORATION

Mrs. R. Galloway, Mr. and
Mrs. J. E. Kirby and Mrs. Floyd
attended commencement
ceremonies at Edwards Military In-
stitute in Salem last week.

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. J. E. Kirby, son of Mr. and
Mrs. J. E. Kirby, was a member
of the graduating class in the
high school department.

BANKERS CONVENTION

Representatives of banks in
Wilmington, Chas. Fair Bluff,
Southport, Shallotte and other
places in this section are expect-
ed to leave tomorrow or Wednes-
day for the annual convention of
the State Bankers Association to
be held in Asheville Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.

SIZING HER UP



CONTEST—That's a perfect 24-inch waist W. L. Farmer has his measuring tape wound round, and the girl it belongs to is pretty Anna Lee Lewis, Queen of the Carolina Beach American Legion Post. Farmer is chairman of arrangements for the 1947 State convention for the American Legion, which will be held at Carolina Beach, June 14-17. The assisting statistician is W. E. Mathews, commander of the Carolina Beach Post.

Improvement Noted In Trawlers For Shrimping

Southport Shrimping Fleet
Will Include Several
Large Diesel Powered
Trawlers This Spring

NOTICEABLE TREND TOWARD DIESEL

Improvement Not Confined
To Southport, But Is True
Of Owners Scattered
Along Coast Of
County

Not including the many gaso-
line engine-powered boats, South-
port shrimping interests will
have a formidable fleet of heavy
duty, diesel-powered craft work-
ing out from here this year. Most
of these boats have ample stor-
age and refrigeration facilities to
enable them to go to sea and re-
main three or four days until a
load is caught.

Among the various owners,
Paul Fodale has five of the big
trawlers of his own, and two
63-footers will also work with his
fleet. W. S. Wells has nine of the
diesel powered boats; the
Wells Brothers, who may divide
their operations between South-
port and Rockville, S. C., have
twelve or thirteen; Hardee and
Pigott, with four now operating,
will have a fifth boat launched
in about two weeks and a sixth
by September; J. A. Arnold will
have two, Swan and Downing
two, M. H. Hart three and it
is said that there will be about half
a dozen others of the big fellows
fishing off Southport this year.

There will be plenty of the
gasoline-powered boats in addi-
tion to the above, but a notice-
able fact is that each year the
number of gasoline engine
shrimper trawlers is giving way
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Clerks Of Court Enjoy Session

Group Of Court Officials
Held House-Party At
Long Beach Last Week
During Stay Of Judge
Parker

Using the Betty Ann cottage
at Long Beach, Sam T. Bennett,
Southport; W. E. Church, Win-
ston-Salem; J. P. Shore, Greens-
boro and Elvin O. Faulker, of
Henderson, all Clerks of the Su-
perior Court, had a stag house-
party last week.

This party seems to be form-
ing into an annual event, when-
ever his duties bring Judge R.
Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids,
to Southport. All friends and ad-
mirers are invited.
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Mixed Term Of Superior Court Concluded Here

Most Of Last Week Taken
Up With Trial Of Crimi-
nal Cases, With Crowded
Docket Being Relieved
By Court

DYNAMITE CASE WAS CONTINUED

Several Civil Matters, In-
cluding Some Divorce Ac-
tions, Disposed Of Be-
fore Judge R. Hunt
Parker

A one week mixed term of
Brunswick county Superior court
came to a close here Friday af-
ter much of the congestion of the
crowded criminal docket had
been relieved, but before the case
of greatest public interest had
been heard.

This was the matter in which
M. L. Holden and Bert Jacobs,
prominent citizens of Shallotte
township, are charged with at-
tempted murder. They were ar-
rested after several sticks of
dynamite had been found beneath
the hood of an automobile be-
longing to Osborne Pigott last
winter. A crude attempt to wire
the charge with the ignition sys-
tem of the Pigott car was dis-
covered before the explosives
were detonated, and circumstan-
ces surrounding the case led to
the arrest of Holden and Jac-
obs, both of whom are at liberty
under bond.

Joe Swain, convicted of assault
upon a female and indecent ex-
posure, was given 18 months on
each count.

Cecil Robinson was found not
guilty on charges of having
carnal knowledge of a girl under
16 years of age.

Robert D. Lee pleaded guilty to
charges of breaking and enter-
ing and larceny and was given
18 months.

Herman Marshburn and Calo
Ratley were convicted of posses-
sion and each was given 6
months on the roads. The court
passed an order making provi-
sion for the M & J Finance Co.
to collect on their lien against
(Continued on page 2)

WB&S Manager After New Bus

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Living-
ston Off For Ohio City
To Bring Back New Bus
For Service On Line

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Living-
ston left yesterday for Sidney,
Ohio, from which point Mr. Liv-
ingston, manager of the W. B.
& S. Bus Lines, Inc., is to drive
home a new passenger bus that
has been specially built in the
factory for the bus line. Mrs.
Livingston, who is assistant post-
master, went along for the trip.

The new bus is of smaller ca-
pacity than the large one pur-
chased early in the year. It has
seating facilities for 29 passen-
gers. Except for the smaller pas-
senger capacity it is understood
to be almost identical with the
big, long distance bus which the
company operates.

Another 29-passenger capacity
bus is being completed at the
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Produce Market Set For Opening

The new produce market,
providing farmers in the White-
ville area with another outlet
for their products, is set for
its official opening Thursday
of this week. Meanwhile, pre-
opening sales indicate wide in-
terest in the new auction mar-
ket.

Sponsors of the market an-
nounced that it would be nec-
essary for farmers to bring their
produce to the auction shed
between the hours of 9:30 A.
M. and 6 P. M.

Buyers from leading produce
companies will be on hand for
Thursday's opening.

Seventeen Girls And Boys Finish

Graduation Exercises At
Bolivia Held Last Mon-
day Night With Judge
Ferguson As Speaker

Ten boys and seven girls formed
the graduating class at the Bol-
ivia school commencement last
week. A short program marked
the end of the session.

J. H. Ferguson, Wilmington at-
torney and juvenile court judge,
made the address. He was intro-
duced by Principal O. C. Bruton.
The graduates were Louis Earl
Burris, Travis Danford, Wilbur
Earl Earp, Willie Bryan Henry,
Isom Lewis, Dorman McDowell,
Tom Rabon, Dewey Skipper, Wil-
liam Stone and Glen Albert Young,
all boys. The shorter list of girl
graduates were Kathleen Caison,
Earleen Danford, Elizabeth Kye,
Doris Long, Amelia Malpass,
Ruth Mercer and Wilma Watk-
ins.

Principal Bruton, an active
community worker in addition to
his school room tasks, will head
the school again this fall. To him
an especially pleasing community
and school accomplishment dur-
ing the past year has been the
erection and putting into use a
new school lunch room.

Seek Information Regarding Rooms

Lions Club Secretary De-
sires Information Rela-
tive To Rooms And To
Boats Suitable For Fish-
ing Parties

The Lions Club of Southport
has endorsed the program of
the South Eastern North Caro-
lina Beach Association in the
Fishing Rodeo this coming sum-
mer and fall and plans are now
being made to take care of the
large number of visitors and
fishermen expected to take part
in the contest for prizes.

It is desired that all South-
port citizens having rooms to
rent register the same with D.
J. Smith, secretary of the Lions
Club, at his real estate office.
Please give the number of rooms
you will have available, the
equipment, beds etc., bath facili-
ties and your charge per room
or per person.

This information will be tabu-
lated and copy sent to Wilming-
ton headquarters, showing the
number of people that Southport
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Freshwater Fishing At All-Time Best In County

Unusual Catches Being Reported, Especially By Anglers
Who Have Been Fishing In Waccamaw River

With all streams and lakes in
the county offering the best
freshwater fishing to be had in
Brunswick county in years, the
Waccamaw river apparently has
been holding the spotlight for the
past several days.

Deputy Sheriff Pawnee Formy-
duval, who lives down in Wac-
camaw township reported Monday
that he was out on Wac-
camaw river with a companion
to paddle the boat, Sunday af-
ternoon. They got 48 extra fine
fish, two less than the day's
limit for two persons. All of
these fish could, in one sense, be
credited to just one person. One
man would fish while the other
paddled the boat. It was an extra
fine catch for the man hours put
in.

The Waccamaw's waters have
been rather low for the past
three weeks and during all of
that time the fishing there has
been about tops of anything in
the county. The rain last week,
while being ample for crops, did
not increase the Waccamaw's
water level nor in anywise hurt
the fishing. If possible, the fish-
ing is better than it was before
the rain.

Reports indicate that literally

hundreds of sportsmen have been
storming both banks of the Wac-
camaw. Odell Williamson, of Shal-
lotte, made the remark Saturday
that he saw twenty-five automo-
biles at one point on Crusee Is-
land and other cars were strung
out, wherever a person could
come within seeing distance of
the river.

Game wardens from both Brun-
swick and Columbus have been
keeping a sharp lookout to see
that there were no law violations.
In one instance District Warden
H. T. Bower of Southport, arrest-
ed three white men, on informa-
tion from others to the effect that
they had been using nets. Brought
to trial before Justice J. Worth
Stanley they were cleared.

Scores of sportsmen who have
been on the Waccamaw during
the past several days have been
able to report catches that ran
to the full legal limit. A few
others who did not get their
limits are credited with having
come very close.

While the Waccamaw attract-
ed the greatest number of sports-
men, good authority relative to
Town Creek, Lockwoods Folly
river and other choice fish spots
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Southport Seniors Hear Solicitor Clifton Moore

Grandmother Was Civil War Belle

George G. Stone, of the North-
western Mutual Life Insurance
Company, here last week with
Clerk of Court J. P. Shore, of
Greensboro, was very much in-
terested in this, his first trip,
to Southport. He tells us his
grandmother was born and
reared here and was in her
teen-age during the Civil War.
She was Elizabeth Potter, and
after finishing school here she
was sent to Charleston to a
fashionable girls school.

Like a number of other South-
port girls, Mr. Stone's grand-
mother participated in the Civil
War. She was often on some of
the blockade runners coming
into the Cape Fear. Once when
the vessel she was on was being
fired upon by the Federal gun-
boats she was ordered below
by the Captain, refusing to
leave her post. Mr. Stone thinks
that some of his grandmother's
relatives may still live in South-
port and Brunswick county.
One of her brothers sailed to
California and was never heard
from again.

Graduation Exercises At Local School Came To Close Wednesday Even- ing With Impressive Ad- dress

EIGHTEEN IN SENIOR CLASS

Diplomas Presented By D.
W. Watson, Former Prin-
cipal; Honor Awards
Given By A. C. Hollo-
man

Graduation exercises at South-
port high school came to a close
Wednesday evening when eigh-
teen seniors were awarded their
diplomas. These were delivered
to them by D. W. Watson, who
began the year as principal of
Southport high school, resigning
this position to accept a post
with the Department of Justice.

Principal address of the even-
ing was delivered by Solicitor
Clifton L. Moore, of Burgaw, who
brought a forceful message of
inspiration to the young grad-
uates. He was presented by J.
W. Ruark, Southport attorney.

Members of the graduating
class includes Vallie Lou Bryant,
Betty Corlette, Glenn Jones,
James King, Ann McRacken,
Franto Molycheck, Evelyn
Muncy, Louis Newton, Leo Oren-
stein, Dorothy Price, Hugh Price,
Jimmy Russ, Jimmy Smith, Mon-
roe Smith, Doris Stephens, Ken-
neth Stiller, Dorothy Ward and
Billy Wells.

Through an oversight, the
name of Leo Orenstein was omit-
ted Wednesday evening in the
list of those who received di-
plomas in the graduating exer-
cises of Southport high school.

Mr. Orenstein is in the Coast
Guard, stationed at Groton, Con-
necticut, and has completed by
mail the required work. Though
ordered several weeks ago, his
diploma has not yet arrived, and
it is for this reason, doubtless,
that his name was overlooked on
the final, busy day of the
school term.

Recorder Has Busy Session

Back-Log Of Cases Handled
Before Judge W. J. Mc-
Lamb In Recorder's Court
Here Monday

Monday was a busy day in
Brunswick county Recorder's
court, with a big back-log of
cases jamming the docket. The
following disposition was made
of cases:

Mrs. Virginia Bell, larceny,
continued to June 2nd.

Clyde Carlisle, larceny, not
guilty.

Elbert Simmons, drunk and
cursing on highway, 30 days, sus-
pended on condition that he do
not drink any intoxicating liquors
and that he stay away from
beer joints for a period of one
year and pay costs.

Walter Bryant, violating game
law, 30 days in jail, suspended on
payment of a fine of \$25.00 and
costs.

Layman Russ, forcible tress-
pass, continued.

James Justice Williams, drunk
driving, continued to June 9th.

William Emery Bruton, drunk
driving, continued to June 2nd.

LeRoy Ganey, drunk driving,
continued to June 2nd.

Charlie Walton and Anna Wal-
ton, trespass, continued by con-
sent to June 9th.

John P. Magan, carrying con-
cealed weapons, fined \$50.00 and
costs and gun confiscated.

Billy P. Morgan, drunk and
disorderly, fined \$50.00 and costs.

Ken T. Morgan, drunk and dis-
orderly and carrying concealed
weapon, six months on roads, sus-
pended on payment of a fine of
\$100.00 and costs, gun confiscat-
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Gives Schedule For Re-Issuance Drivers License

Patrolman Points Out That
July 1 Begins First Per-
iod For Re-Issuance As
Provided Under Recent
Law

RIGID EXAMINATION WILL BE GIVEN

Legislature Passed Regula-
tions Making It Necessary
For Drivers To
Qualify

In accordance with the law
passed by the 1947 General As-
sembly of North Carolina requir-
ing the re-issuance of Motor Ve-
hicle driver licenses, a schedule
has been set up. The period be-
ginning July 1, 1947, and ending
on December 31, 1947, is the time
for all driver license holders,
whose sur-names begin with the
letters A or B to apply for new
licenses. Persons whose names
do not begin with one of the
above letters cannot apply for
re-issuance of license in this
period.

The period beginning January
1, 1948, and ending on June 30,
1948, will be the time for all
operators whose sur-names begin
with either of the letters C or D
to apply for re-issuance of li-
censes. All Motor Vehicle drivers
whose sur-names begin with a
letter other than A, B, C or D
will be notified by press releases
at the proper time as to when
they should appear for the re-
examination.

The operator's license issued
under the 1947 Safety Act shall
automatically expire on the birth-
day of the licensee in the fourth
year following the year of is-
sue, and no license shall be
issued to any operator after the
expiration of his license until
such operator has again passed
the required examination.

Everyone will get a complete
examination. The examination is
made up of four parts. These
parts are: (1) An Eye test (2)
Highway Sign test (3) Driving
Rules test (4) Road test.

Residents Help On Road Repair

Property Owners At How-
ells Point Pitch In To
Make Last Mile Of Road
Passable

The road to Howell's Point
from the hard surface between
Southport and Supply to the
Point, is now credited with be-
ing in the best shape that it has
ever been. This condition is large-
ly the result of efforts of resi-
dents and property owners at
Howell's Point.

The highway forces scraped the
road to within a mile of the
Point and from there the local
citizens took over with volunteer
labor, trucks and some hired help
this road, which goes to one of
the very best canal, bay and
river-mouth fishing spots in
Brunswick, was put in good
shape.

By fall it is hoped that the
highway commission will see the
need of taking over the road for
With hundreds of people going
there the year-round for hunting,
maintenance of its entire length,
fishing, oystering, etc., Howell's
Point promises to be a tremen-
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Aged Resident Dies Thursday

Cyrus S. Van Amringe Was
Holder Of Congressional
Medal Of Honor For Act
Of Heroism In His Youth

Cyrus S. Van Amringe, 82-
year-old and resident of South-
port since his retirement from
active life six years ago, died in
the Doshier Memorial Hospital
Thursday evening.

A resident of New York for
much of his life, Mr. Van Am-
ringe was born in Wilmington
and spent his early life there.
While a young man he perform-
ed an act of heroism in saving
another young man from drown-
ing at Wrightsville Beach. For
this he was awarded the Con-
gressional Medal of Honor. He
was a son of the late Stacey and
Fanny Van Amringe. His father
was postmaster at Wilmington
for 14 years.

The remains were taken to
Wilmington where funeral ser-
vices were held at the Andrews
Mortuary Monday afternoon. Rev.
William Crowe officiating. Burial
was in Oakdale cemetery.

**Our
ROVING
Reporter**

W. B. KEZIAH

R. F. Lewis, carrier on route,
I from Bolivia for many years
until he retired several years ago,
writes us from Mocksville, where
he now lives, regarding old post
offices in Brunswick county. He
has been much interested in
some of the current discussions
on the subject. Mr. Lewis says
that one old post office which he
has never seen mentioned was in
the Ward's section of the county,
near Antioch church. It was
named Suburb and was discon-
tinued in 1915 when the rural
route was established from Bol-
ivia. Mr. Lewis says that the
weekly visits of the paper are
like a good long letter from home.
He is a native of Brunswick
county and has many relatives
and friends here.

Just as soon as the schools
closed it rained, much to the sat-
isfaction of Brunswick county
farmers who were needing it for
their crops. Evidently realizing
what the farmers were up against
and appreciating their position,
when he sent us some data re-
garding his school closing Prin-
ciple O. C. Burton, of the Bolivia
school, added an observation to
the effect that if he had known
it would rain as soon as the
schools closed he would have
closed his school a week sooner.

The Duchess of Camellia Inn
spent all of last week fraterniz-
ing with relatives at Little Wash-
ington. Before gathering up her
skirts for departure, her parting
admonition was that between
times of taking Judge Parker
fishing we were to see to it that
her flowers and lawn were
watered. It was dry, Monday be-
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